

I quote you with pleasure Lord Halifax, though his attitude rather violent rather than it did not meet the point.

As for "Raymond", everyone expects Sir Oliver Lodge believes in his sincerity, but though I believe he is feeling after truth, he is not a safe guide in things spiritual because he is before all things a scientist & a naturalist. Now, his demand is that spirit shall submit itself to scientific demonstration, that is, that spirit shall become matter, evident to our senses, whether of sight or hearing or touch. That is to demand the impossible. Neither spirit nor matter can change its nature. Therefore we are told "God is a spirit" & "no man hath seen God at any time."

The people who say they have seen hear are no doubt grasping the truth as far as they know, but they have failed to realize that spirit communicates with spirit, even when we are sitting side by side, only through the thoughts of the heart. In that way I believe we have abundant communication with those who are gone if we do not set ourselves sedulously otherwise to seek such intercourse. It may be quite possible to lose our beloved dead.

Another point it seems to me that 'mediums' & their disciples do not consider is that we are all open to hallucinations. We literally see what we expect to see & hear what we expect to hear by means of our curious creative imagination. It seems impossible to be believe in spirit if in spiritualism.